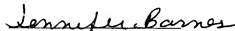


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This Amendment and Response is in reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments beginning on page 2 of this paper;
2. Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper; and
3. Remarks beginning on page 5.

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